SUBJECTS.

31. *Alteration of the civil jurisdiction of the Shertallai Munsiff's Court.*

Mr. N. Padmanabha Kymal (Member, Shertallai Taluk) said that the people of the taluk were peculiarly unfortunate in the matter of communications and were undergoing considerable inconvenience every day in going to the several public offices and courts. The Member particularly referred to the sandy roads from Arukutty to Shertallai, from Shertallai to Alleppey, and from Arukutty to Thannirmukkam, and he requested that they should be improved and a few bridges also provided across certain canals and rivers that lay between, chiefly at Thuravur and Kuthiathode and near Thannirmukkam. He said that the grievance on account of the want of proper roads had now become nothing, when compared to the inconvenience arising from the recent change in the civil jurisdiction of the taluk, by which a number of cases on the file of the Shertallai Munsiff's Court had been transferred to Alleppey. The Member prayed that the *status quo* might be restored.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

32. *The transfer of the civil appellate jurisdiction over the Vaikam Munsiff to the Alleppey or the Kottayam District Court.*

Mr. Rayiran Kesava Kymal (Member, Vaikam Taluk) stated that it was a matter for general complaint that the civil appellate jurisdiction over the Vaikam Munsiff's Court had been retransferred to the Parur District Court. The appellate jurisdiction over that Munsiff had once been at Parur, and it was on the representation of the people, which the Government then considered reasonable, that the transfer was ordered to Alleppey. The Member therefore prayed that the appellate jurisdiction over the Vaikam Munsiff might be transferred to the Alleppey District Court or to the Kottayam District Court.

Dewan.—If the transfer is made as suggested by the Member, the Parur District Court will not have enough work, and the Alleppey or the Kottayam District Court, to which the appellate jurisdiction may be transferred, will experience congestion.

The Member replied that it was a matter of great grievance that the people of the taluk should suffer on account of that difficulty. At present, they had to travel 45 miles to prefer an appeal. It should be possible for the Government, by a readjustment, to equalise the work of the several Courts. He prayed that the Parur Court might at least be shifted to Alwaye, if the present arrangements had to continue.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

33. *Investing the District Courts with power to inspect the Munsiffs' Courts.*

Mr. A. M. Kumara Pillai, B. A., B. L. (Member, Agasteeswaram Taluk) said that his request was that the District Courts should be invested with the power of inspecting

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